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SUBJECT: SAHARA: ALLEGED PETROLEUM CONCESSION TO U.S. SUBSIDIARIES

1. ARTICLE IN APRIL 17 EDITION OF LE MONDE ASSERTS THAT IN 1974 SPANISH GOVERNMENT ACCORDED SIX OFF-SAHARA SHORE PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS TO SPANISH SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. COMPANIES. FIVE COMPANIES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE ARE CONOCO, GULF, CEPASA, ENPASA, AND ENPENSA. (WE UNSURE OF AFFILIATIONS OF LATTER THREE COMPANIES.) ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, COMPANIES HAD BEGUN EXPLORATORY WORK, BUT THIS WAS SUSPENDED "TO MAINTAIN THIS AFRICAN COAST AS STRATEGIC RESERVE." ALL CONCESSIONS, EXCEPT ONE OFF DAKHLA, SAID TO BE IN MOROCCAN CONTROLLED REGION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE ALGERIANS FOND OF CHARGING THAT U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS LIE BEHIND MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN TAKEOVER OF SAHARA, REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S AND/OR EMBASSY MADRID'S COMMENTS ON ACCURACY OF LE MONDE STORY. PARKER

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